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Current
Nationwide
Threat Level is

ELEVATED
SIGNIFICANT RISK OF
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Energy Sector

Current Electricity Sector Threat Alert Levels: Physical: ELEVATED, Cyber: ELEVATED

Scale: LOW, GUARDED, ELEVATED, HIGH, SEVERE [Source: ISAC for the Electricity Sector (ES-ISAC) – <http://www.esisac.com>]

1. *April 08, Miami Herald (FL)* — **Reward offered in Florida Power & Light probe.** Florida Power & Light (FPL) officials announced a \$100,000 reward to help federal authorities track down who may have drilled a hole into a cooling system at the Turkey Point nuclear power plant. The offer of a reward on Friday, April 7, comes after the FBI dispatched 50 agents to

interview 700 utility workers about the incident. Officials have found no evidence to indicate sabotage, but are at a loss to explain the mysterious drilled hole discovered last week. The hole in the Turkey Point reactor's cooling system came to light after FPL workers shut the plant down last month for routine refueling and maintenance. Hundreds of FPL workers and contractors — some from out of state — were hired to help with the inspections. They discovered the 1/8-inch hole in late March during a series of tests.

Source: <http://www.miami.com/mld/miamiherald/news/14294853.htm>

2. *April 08, Associated Press* — **Survivors pick up the pieces in Tennessee after another round of tornadoes.** Tornadoes were spotted in about 10 Tennessee counties on Friday, April 7, the second wave of deadly storms to hit the state in less than a week, weather officials said. The worst damage appeared to be in Gallatin and other suburbs northeast of Nashville. Nashville Electrical Service (NES) reported hundreds of electrical lines down and power outages affecting up to 16,000 customers, mostly in Goodlettsville. The number of customers blacked out was down to 1,100 Saturday, April 8, but some people might have to wait a week for their service to be restored, NES spokesperson Laurie Parker said.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=1821724>

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Chemical Industry and Hazardous Materials Sector

3. *April 05, KNOE TV 8 (LA)* — **Natural gas explosion knocks out electricity and gas to Louisiana neighborhood.** An explosion in a natural gas line Wednesday, April 5, has left several people hurt and caused considerable damage on Highway 131 near Vidalia, LA. The 200-foot-wide fireball torched 17 cars and other vehicles, including three track hoes, and sent two pipeline workers to Natchez Regional Medical Center with injuries. The force of the blast knocked out electricity and gas to the neighborhood around the old cotton plantation.

Source: <http://www.knoe.com/fullstory.php?id=1463>

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Defense Industrial Base Sector

4. *April 06, U.S. Department of State* — **DoD seeks \$5.2 billion for Special Operations Forces.** The Bush administration has requested \$5.2 billion from Congress to fund a Department of Defense (DoD) expansion of the U.S. Special Operations Command, an essential element in winning the global War on Terror, says Thomas O'Connell, assistant secretary of defense. According to O'Connell, the funding increase would be used for: Recruitment, training, and deployment of more than 1,300 new special operations personnel; maintaining sustained operations in areas where terrorist networks are operating; investments in aircraft to support operations; training and equipping foreign military forces to improve planning and execution of counterterrorism operations; and support of the newly created Marine Corps Special Operations Command.

O'Connell's testimony: http://armed-services.senate.gov/testimony.cfm?wit_id=2384&iid=1796

Source: <http://usinfo.state.gov/xarchives/display.html?p=washfile-english&y=2006&m=April&x=20060406102224idybeekcm0.9125025&t=livefeeds/wf-latest.html>

5. *April 06, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-626T: Space Acquisitions: Improvements Needed in Space Systems Acquisitions and Keys to Achieving Them (Testimony)**. The Department of Defense's (DoD) space system acquisitions have experienced problems over the past several decades that have driven up costs by hundreds of millions, even billions of dollars, stretched schedules by years, and increased performance risks. The Government Accountability Office (GAO) was asked to testify on its findings on space acquisition problems and steps needed to improve outcomes. GAO does not make recommendations in this testimony. However, GAO testified that there are steps DoD can take to ensure better outcomes for its space acquisitions programs. They include developing an overall investment strategy for space acquisition programs; revising policies supporting space to incorporate best practices; and addressing human capital and other shortfalls in capacity. Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06626thigh.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-626T>
6. *April 06, Government Accountability Office* — **GAO-06-610T: Unmanned Aircraft Systems: Improved Planning and Acquisition Strategies Can Help Address Operational Challenges (Testimony)**. The current generation of unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) has been in development for defense applications since the 1980's. As of February 2006, the Department of Defense (DoD) had more than 3,000 unmanned aircraft, about 2,000 of which are supporting ongoing operations in Iraq. DoD's 2006 Quadrennial Defense Review validates the importance of unmanned systems and establishes plans to significantly expand investment in unmanned systems and their use in military operations over the next several years. The Congress has been particularly interested in DoD's approach to determining UAS needs and managing the growing number of UAS programs. This testimony addresses the Government Accountability Office's (GAO) prior work and preliminary observations on (1) the operational successes and challenges U.S. forces are experiencing with UAS in combat operations, and the extent to which DoD has taken steps to address challenges; (2) DoD's progress in establishing a strategic plan and oversight framework to guide joint and service-specific UAS development efforts and related investment decisions; and (3) our assessment of the Global Hawk and Predator programs' business cases and acquisition strategies and the lessons learned that can be applied to the Joint Unmanned Combat Air Systems program. Highlights: <http://www.gao.gov/highlights/d06610thigh.pdf>
Source: <http://www.gao.gov/cgi-bin/getrpt?GAO-06-610T>

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Banking and Finance Sector

7. *April 07, VNUNet* — **Scammers use new bait to trick Chase Bank customers**. Experts at security firm SurfControl have identified a new phishing scam targeting Chase Bank customers that uses a toll-free telephone number to gather online banking passwords. When this number is dialed, customers are greeted by a recorded message, apparently from Chase, asking for credit card and personal information.

Source: <http://www.vnunet.com/vnunet/news/2153642/phishers-ring-charges-chase>

8. *April 07, Register (UK)* — **German Postbank uses e-signatures to curb phishing.** Germany's Postbank is going to introduce electronic signatures to all e-mail correspondence with its customers in an attempt to curb phishing. By clicking on the symbol in the e-mail, customers can see whether the e-signature is valid.

Source: http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/04/07/postbank_curbs_phishing/

9. *April 06, Websense Security Labs* — **Phishing Alert: Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company.** Websense Security Labs has received reports of a new phishing attack that targets customers of Gulf Coast Bank & Trust Company. Users receive a spoofed e-mail message, which claims that they should log on to the fully upgraded Online Banking System by providing their account details. The message provides a link to a phishing Website. Users who visit this Website are prompted to enter personal and account information. This phishing site is hosted in Taiwan, and was up at the time of this alert.

Source: <http://www.websensesecuritylabs.com/alerts/alert.php?AlertID=459>

10. *April 06, Computer World* — **Data breach at Progressive highlights insider threat.** A recent case in which an employee at Progressive Casualty Insurance Co. wrongfully accessed information on foreclosure properties she was interested in buying highlights again the dangers posed to corporate security by insiders. Progressive officials Thursday, April 6, confirmed that the company sent out letters in January to 13 people informing them that confidential information, including names, Social Security numbers, birth dates and property addresses had been wrongfully accessed by an employee who has since been fired. Such incidents underscore the threat posed to corporate data by malicious insiders and by workers who accidentally leak sensitive information, said Phil Neray, a vice president at Guardium Inc., a Waltham, MA-based vendor of database security products. "Most companies have done a good job with perimeter security" and are now finding out they need similar controls internally, Neray said.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0,10801,110303,00.html>

11. *April 05, Search Security* — **Scam artists flocking to MySpace.com.** Some users of the popular social networking site, MySpace.com, are being lured to fake MySpace sites that capture keystrokes -- including the same logins and passwords used to access corporate networks and sensitive databases. MySpace currently claims 63 million users, making it the second most visited domain behind Yahoo. Hiep Dang, director of threat research and engineering for Orlando-based antispymware vendor Aluria Software Inc., said profiles can be easily spoofed, leading to identity theft. User also may intentionally or unintentionally divulge confidential company information accessed by others within their virtual circle. And then there are the hyperlinks that unleash viruses, worms and Trojan horses. In addition, there are now phishing attacks from people posting links to false sites set up by online criminals using MySpace as the conduit.

Source: http://searchsecurity.techtarget.com/originalContent/0,289142,sid14_gci1178653,00.html

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Transportation and Border Security Sector

12. *April 09, Associated Press* — **Man free on bail after gun-on-plane attempt.** An Evanston, IL, man is free on \$10,000 bail after allegedly trying to board an airplane at Chicago's O'Hare International Airport on Friday, April 7, with a loaded 32-caliber semiautomatic handgun in his carry-on luggage. Shapiro is charged with unlawful use of a weapon, trying to board an aircraft with a weapon, and not having firearm owner identification.
Source: http://cbs2chicago.com/topstories/local_story_099121922.html
13. *April 08, Associated Press* — **DFW airport seeks to limit gates at Love.** Dallas-Fort Worth International Airport (DFW) would support ending limits on flights from Dallas Love Field if its smaller rival would agree to close nearly half its gates, according to a DFW report. DFW Airport could support phasing out limits at Love Field only if the smaller airport closed as many as 14 of its 32 gates. DFW also wants officials to create a regional airport authority — possibly placing all local airports under control of DFW's board. The DFW recommendation could force Southwest Airlines to lose space at its home airport. Only 19 of the gates are now in use. Still, a Southwest official said the report represented a historic shift by DFW Airport, which has always steadfastly opposed repealing the Wright Amendment, the 1979 law that restricts flights at Love Field.
Source: http://www.usatoday.com/travel/flights/2006-04-07-dfw-love_x.htm
14. *April 08, Reuters* — **American Air matches Delta \$50 fare hike.** American Airlines said on Friday, April 7, that it had matched a \$50 increase in first-class and full-coach fares by rival Delta Air Lines Inc. in most of its markets, a shift from last week, when it failed to match a similar hike. "We have matched Delta's increase on full fares in most of our markets," said American Airlines spokesperson Tim Smith. "There are some where we didn't for competitive reasons." The fare hike, the latest in a series of price increases by airlines trying to offset surging fuel costs, is on refundable full-coach and first-class fares, the priciest tickets — typically favored by business travelers.
Source: http://biz.yahoo.com/rb/060407/airlines_american.html?.v=1
15. *April 08, Associated Press* — **Denver transit board approves contract.** The executive board of the city's mass transit system approved a new labor contract Saturday, April 8, clearing the way for all bus and train service to resume by the workweek. "We are going to be back in full service Monday morning," said Scott Reed, spokesperson for the Regional Transportation District. The board's vote was unanimous. Striking bus drivers, train operators, and mechanics had overwhelmingly approved the contract Friday, April 7. Although the transit agency operated about 45 percent of its overall bus service during the strike, thousands of commuters resorted to alternate transportation to get around. The additional traffic clogged major interstates, and some downtown parking lots even raised rates.
Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/US/wireStory?id=1821179>
16. *April 07, News-Record (NC)* — **JetBlue to fly shorter routes in search of profits.** As the U.S. airline industry unraveled over the past five years, JetBlue Airways Corp. proved that a carrier with the right mix of low overhead, cheap fares, and distinguished service could succeed during a punishing downturn. While 2006 is expected to be an unprofitable year for

six-year-old JetBlue, the discount carrier aims to minimize the red ink by flying more short-haul routes (to save on fuel), serving airports with fewer rivals, and raising fares. CEO David Neeleman said another option on the table is to scale back JetBlue's rapid growth plan, which includes orders for more than 180 new planes worth approximately \$7.5 billion. JetBlue, which recorded its first-ever quarterly loss of \$42 million in the October–December period, is expected to report a loss of almost \$33 million for the first quarter, according a survey of analysts by Thomson Financial. "The decision to grow as rapidly as they have, and simultaneously induct a new fleet type — the Embraer 190 — has caused them to incur substantial ... costs for training, development and support," said Robert W. Mann, a Port Washington, NY-based airline consultant.

Source: <http://www.news-record.com/apps/pbcs.dll/article?AID=/20060407/NEWSREC0103/60406010>

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Postal and Shipping Sector

17. *April 07, Memphis Business Journal* — **FedEx Freight to raise general rates.** FedEx Freight announced Friday, April 7, that it will raise general service rates by 5.95 percent beginning on April 24. The rate increase applies only to FedEx Freight, the less-than-truckload subsidiary of FedEx Corp., not any other FedEx divisions. The increase will apply to interstate and intrastate traffic, and to selected shipments between the U.S. and Mexico and Canada, the company said. Source: <http://biz.yahoo.com/bizj/060407/1270847.html?v=1>

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Agriculture Sector

18. *April 08, Associated Press* — **Soybean cyst nematode, a \$250 million problem that won't go away.** In Illinois, the soybean cyst nematode is found in 84 percent of soybean fields, according to a survey completed last year, and has evolved into a pest that can rob yield even from soybean varieties thought to be nematode resistant. Nematodes are tiny roundworms, only about 1/64th of an inch long, that suck nutrients from a plant's roots, decreasing its ability to produce beans. And their thievery is invisible — infected plants don't look sick and unless farmers spend time sampling their soil they might never know how much they're losing. In Illinois, yield losses could reach as high as \$250 million per year. That represents about 10 percent of the total value of Illinois' soybean production in 2004. Researchers have spent years looking for the best way to control the soybean cyst nematode. In Illinois alone, the state Soybean Checkoff Board provides about \$250,000 per year to study the pest, said Mary Burke, the board's research director. But rather than a cure, researchers are finding surprises. The nematodes have remarkable ability to adjust to human intervention. Scientists believe the pest was likely introduced in the U.S. in the late 1800s, even though it wasn't discovered until 1954. Soybean cyst nematode information: <http://nematode.unl.edu/scn/scnisu.htm>
Source: <http://www.grandforks.com/mld/grandforks/news/state/14297778.htm>

19.

April 07, Ely Times (NV) — Nevada deer and elk free of chronic wasting disease.

Preliminary results of tests conducted on brain tissue samples of 150 deer and elk collected in Nevada during the past year have all tested negative for chronic wasting disease (CWD), according to Dan Crowell of the Nevada Department of Agriculture. Crowell, a senior veterinary diagnostician, said Nevada has been participating in a national effort to monitor for CWD. Since testing began in the state in 1998, nearly 950 animals have been tested and none were found to have the disease. Working with the Nevada Department of Wildlife, researchers have been concentrating their recent efforts at collecting brain samples from deer and elk in the eastern portion of the state near the Utah border. This is because CWD has been found in central Utah, the only state bordering Nevada where the disease has been discovered.

CWD information: <http://www.cwd-info.org/>

Source: <http://www.elynews.com/articles/2006/04/07/news/news08.txt>

20. April 06, Thomasville Times (AL) — Men arrested for importing deer into state.

Conservation Officers in Lauderdale, AL, arrested Gary Faires, and Gary Daugherty, on February 15, 2006, for illegally importing deer into Alabama. Officers with the Wildlife and Freshwater Fisheries Division of the Alabama Department of Conservation and Natural Resources had been conducting an investigation into alleged deer importation and hunting violations at a commercial hunting operation owned by Faires. Daugherty was the guide and manager of the hunting operation. The officers were able to identify Faires loading three fallow deer onto his trailer in Tennessee and followed him back to Alabama where he released the deer into a confined area in Lauderdale County. Daugherty and paying guests hunted and killed the deer just a few hours after they were released. The importation of deer or any member of the deer family has been prohibited by Alabama law since 1973. The protection of Alabama's wild deer herd from diseases is the primary reason for the ban on deer imports.

Source: http://www.thethomasvilletimes.com/news/2006/0406/People_Places/077.html

21. April 06, U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) — National Animal Identification System implementation plan released. U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) Secretary Mike Johanns Thursday, April 6, announced the release of an implementation plan that outlines timelines and benchmarks for the establishment of the National Animal Identification System (NAIS), along with a plan for the initial integration of private and state animal tracking databases with NAIS. The plan establishes benchmarks for incrementally accomplishing the remaining implementation goals to enable the NAIS to be operational by 2007, and to achieve full producer participation by 2009. Several important components have already been accomplished. These include the development of premises registration systems in each State and the issuance of guidelines for the manufacture and distribution of animal identification numbers. More than 235,000 premises are currently registered. USDA is also releasing today the general technical standards for animal tracking databases that will enable integration of private systems with the NAIS.

NAIS implementation plan: <http://www.usda.gov/nais>.

Source: <http://www.usda.gov/wps/portal/!ut/p/s.7 0 A/7 0 1OB?contentonly=true&contentid=2006/04/0120.xml>

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Food Sector

22. *April 07, U.S. Food and Drug Administration* — Improperly refrigerated crab meat seized.

At the request of the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) and with the approval of the U.S. District Court for the District of New Jersey, the U.S. Marshals Service Thursday, April 6, seized approximately 31,800 lbs. of crab meat being held at American President Lines Limited, a shipping company located in South Kearny, NJ. Prior to the seizure, the crab meat had been placed under embargo by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services to ensure that the product was not distributed to consumers. FDA initiated the seizure after American President Lines Limited declined to voluntarily destroy the crab meat. The seized crab meat (Andalas brand imported pasteurized crab meat) was held under unsanitary conditions that could render it harmful to health. Specifically, recorded temperature readings revealed that, during shipment in interstate commerce, the crab meat was not maintained under appropriate refrigerated conditions for an extended period of time. When strict refrigeration control is not maintained, a product such as this could pose a public health risk because of the potential for botulism poisoning, a condition that could result in consumer illness and death.

Source: <http://www.fda.gov/bbs/topics/NEWS/2006/NEW01351.html>

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Water Sector

23. *March 29, American Water Works Association* — Report helps utilities to help other utilities following disasters.

The American Water Works Association (AWWA) has developed a white paper that provides guidance on creating and implementing a mutual aid and assistance program within any state or territory that does not already have one. The concept of "Utilities Helping Utilities" involves creating opportunities to enhance water and wastewater utility resiliency after disasters during the response and recovery phases. A mutual aid and assistance network is designed to provide a mechanism in which water and wastewater utilities that face threatened or specific damages from a natural or human-caused event can quickly obtain emergency assistance in the form of personnel, equipment, materials, and other associated services, from other water or wastewater utilities. They would do this using a master or omnibus mutual aid and assistance agreement signed by member utilities, such as the sample agreement linked below. The primary objective is to facilitate rapid, short-term deployment of emergency support to restore critical operations at the affected water/wastewater utility.

Source: <http://awwa.org/Advocacy/govtaff/>

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Public Health Sector

- 24. *April 07, Associated Press* — Guide for bird flu test issued.** Federal guidelines released Friday, April 7, should help companies develop new tests capable of quickly singling out bird flu in infected humans, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said. The availability of rapid and accurate tests capable of pinpointing bird flu would serve as a vital tool in checking any outbreak of the disease should it jump to humans. Current rapid tests that use specimens collected from humans weren't designed or intended to detect the H5N1 strain responsible for

bird flu, the FDA said. Nor can they distinguish among the various influenza A subtypes, some of which are rarely lethal. The FDA hurriedly released the guidelines "because prior public participation is not feasible given the national and global public health threat of pandemic influenza," the agency said.

Source: <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2006/04/07/AR2006040700764.html>

25. *April 07, Associated Press* — **Brazil launches bird flu program.** Brazil launched its bird flu prevention program on Friday, April 7, announcing it will only permit commercial shipment of live chickens from meat packers registered with the federal government and monitored by satellite. The government said the decision, effective Monday, April 10, also was valid to eggs and poultry meat. The government estimates it will spend a total of \$47.6 million on the program, the Health Ministry said. Should bird flu arrive in Brazil, all chicken transportation will be banned between states. The prevention plan also allows states with stronger animal defense mechanisms to temporarily block commercial transport of chicken products if they can prove a neighboring state represents a health risk to their poultry flock.

Source: <http://abcnews.go.com/Health/wireStory?id=1818694>

26. *April 07, Associated Press* — **Norovirus outbreak kills three in Washington.** A third person died Friday, April 7, from a viral outbreak at a retirement center that has sickened more than 55 residents and workers, authorities said. Forty residents and 19 staff members of the Cascade Inn were affected by the norovirus. Nine people have been hospitalized, Clark, WA, health officials said. All three deaths involved elderly residents with other underlying medical conditions, health officials said. The previous deaths occurred Wednesday, April 5, and Thursday, April 6. The norovirus is common and often takes the form of a mild stomach disorder. Symptoms can include nausea, diarrhea and vomiting.

Source: <http://www.chron.com/disp/story.mpl/ap/health/3780181.html>

27. *April 07, World Health Organization* — **Health workforce crisis is having a deadly impact on many countries' ability to fight disease.** A serious shortage of health workers in 57 countries is impairing provision of essential, life-saving interventions such as childhood immunization, safe pregnancy and delivery services for mothers, and access to treatment for HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis. This shortage, combined with a lack of training and knowledge, is also a major obstacle for health systems as they attempt to respond effectively to chronic diseases, avian influenza and other health challenges, according to The World Health Report 2006: Working together for health, published today by the World Health Organization (WHO). More than four million additional doctors, nurses, midwives, managers and public health workers are urgently needed to fill the gap in these 57 countries, 36 of which are in sub-Saharan Africa, says the Report. At least 1.3 billion people worldwide lack access to the most basic healthcare, often because there is no health worker. Shortages are most severe in sub-Saharan Africa, which has 11 percent of the world's population and 24 percent of the global burden of disease but only three percent of the world's health workers.

World health report 2006: <http://www.who.int/whr/2006/en/index.html>

Source: <http://www.who.int/mediacentre/news/releases/2006/pr19/en/index.html>

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Government Sector

Nothing to report.

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Emergency Services Sector

28. *April 07, Sentinel News (KY)* — Hazmat bombing simulation in Kentucky promotes collaboration. Several people were apparently hurt Friday morning, April 7, after a pipe bomb with ammonia was "detonated" at Shelby Manor. However, it was all an act. Several agencies from various counties in Kentucky were on hand Friday for a multi-tiered Emergency Response Training Exercise that began at Shelby Manor, visited Floral Hall at the Shelby County Fairgrounds and ended at Baptist Northeast Hospital in La Grange. The exercise simulated a hazardous material emergency situation and involved responders in several steps, from the rescue and treatment of civilians to the apprehension of suspects involved in releasing the material. The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, in partnership with the WMD/Hazmat 6 Regional Response Team, conducted the exercise. Thomas Arnold, director of training programs and state National Incident Management System compliance officer for the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security, recognized the value of the exercise as an opportunity for real-world application of the skills responders have acquired through hundreds of hours of training. K.D. Lane, a former FBI agent based in Louisville, observed the need for collaboration among the many agencies in an emergency situation, noting that incident command, if properly run, should pool brainpower and resources.

Source: <http://www.sentinelnews.com/articles/2006/04/05/front/stories/news03.txt>

29. *April 07, Los Alamos Monitor (NM)* — Los Alamos National Laboratory hosts tabletop fire drill. Fire experts from Los Alamos, NM, National Laboratory (LANL), Los Alamos Fire Department, BIA and the National Forest and National Park services participated in a tabletop fire drill Wednesday, April 5. The scenario, involving sparks from lab welders working near Two Mile Canyon that ignited into a fast-moving grass fire, was conducted inside LANL's Emergency Operations Center. The drill specifically focused attention on interagency cooperation, restrictions and intra-agency communications during a wild land fire. LANL emergency response official Gene Darling said the fire drills serve several purposes, including better communication and providing an opportunity for personnel from various agencies to get to know each other face-to-face.

Source: http://www.lamonitor.com/articles/2006/04/06/headline_news/news02.txt

30. *April 06, WATE 6 (TN)* — Oak Ridge National Laboratory researchers develop smart radios. Researchers at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) in Tennessee are developing radios that combine the functions of cell phones, GPS tracking systems, cameras, and microphones, into one tool, called a "smart radio." When communication infrastructure has been interrupted or destroyed by a disaster, "then this can hop to whichever band of communications is needed to keep them connected at all times," said ORNL's Mike Moore. These radios can also be useful in the battlefield, by allowing soldiers to jump over to other frequencies to maintain contact.

Source: <http://www.wate.com/Global/story.asp?S=4739440&nav=ORYv>

31. *April 05, Edmond Sun (OK)* — **Oklahoma SWAT team members participate in competition to prepare for emergency situations.** About 150 SWAT team members across Oklahoma converged on the Edmond Police Department firing range Wednesday, April 5, to engage in a competition. The purpose of the competition was very serious, with teams and individuals participating in events to prepare for real emergency situations. The team competition incorporated snipers and entry teams, using the new “shoot house” facility completed in 2005 for tactical training. Using simulated ammunition, entry teams converged on the house to stage a hostage rescue scene, rapidly moving through unmapped rooms and identifying “shoot” or “don’t shoot” targets. “It’s a neat opportunity for us. It provides realistic training and an opportunity for different agencies to exchange ideas and talk about training and equipment,” said Captain Tim Dorsey, uniform division supervisor and Emergency Response Team commander.

Source: http://www.edmondsun.com/homepage/local_story_095213723.html?keyword=leadpicturestory

32. *March 31, Michigan State Police* — **Michigan holds first Critical Infrastructure Protection Conference.** Michigan conducted its first Critical Infrastructure Protection Conference March 30–31 in Troy, MI. Topics discussed during the conference included: the National Infrastructure Protection Plan; Building Critical Infrastructure Resiliency; Threats from Domestic Terrorism and Ongoing Cyber Security Attacks; Future Initiatives and Known and Emergent Risk and Threats; and Law Enforcement Response to Special Events. The event brought together owners, operators and public sector agencies responsible for the security of the state’s critical infrastructure.

Conference Website: <http://www.cis.state.mi.us/mpsc/cipconf/index.htm>

Source: http://www.michigan.gov/msp/0,1607,7-123-1586_1710-140196--,00.html

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Information Technology and Telecommunications Sector

33. *April 07, Register (UK)* — **Warning over rogue anti-spyware application.** A rogue anti-spyware application is falsely identifying popular security products and file system tools as spyware. Security firm SurfControl advises not to use the application, UnSpyPC. False-positive reporting is hardly unknown across many supposed anti-spyware applications, as SurfControl notes, but this case is particularly severe since UnSpyPC could disable critical security and business applications.

Source: <http://www.theregister.co.uk/2006/04/07/unspypc/>

34. *April 07, Associated Press* — **Rush is on to register '.eu' domain name.** Some 300,000 Europeans rushed to register their new ".eu" Internet domain names in the first hour of being able to sign up to the new Website addresses, European Union officials said Friday, April 7. Until now, Europeans had to choose between a national domain such as ".fr" for France or a global one like ".com," often seen as American.

Source: <http://www.cnn.com/2006/TECH/internet/04/07/eu.domain.ap/index.html>

35. *April 07, Computer World* — **Kaspersky warns of cross-platform virus proof-of-concept.** Kaspersky Labs is reporting a new proof-of-concept virus capable of infecting both Windows and Linux systems. The cross-platform virus is relatively simple and appears to have a low impact, according to Kaspersky. Even so, it could be a sign that virus writers are beginning to research ways of writing new code capable of infecting multiple platforms, said Shane Coursen, senior technical consultant at Kaspersky. The new virus, which Kaspersky calls Virus.Linux.Bi.a/Virus.Win32.Bi.a, is written in assembler and infects only those files in the current directory. "However, it is interesting in that it is capable of infecting the different file formats used by Linux and Windows," Kaspersky said.
Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/printthis/2006/0.4814.110330.00.html>
36. *April 07, IDG News Service* — **Researcher: Security risks in Web services largely ignored.** In their rush to implement Web services, some companies may be exposing themselves to new security risks that they may not fully understand, a security researcher said on Thursday, April 6. During a presentation at the CanSecWest/Core06 Conference, researcher Alex Stamos outlined how a number of Web services technologies, including AJAX and the XQuery query language, could be exploited by hackers to attack systems. Stamos described an attack whereby a user could enter malicious code into a Web form and then get that code to run by calling up the company's customer service number and tricking a representative into inadvertently executing it. Stamos also showed how Web services requests could be used to conduct denial-of-service attacks.
Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/securitytopics/security/story/0.10801.110321.00.html>
37. *April 07, Government Technology* — **Open-source developers eliminate bugs quickly.** Developers fixed a defect every six minutes in the first week following a published analysis exposing bugs in open-source software, according to Coverity. The analysis arose from a contract with the Department of Homeland Security to improve the security of open-source projects.
Source: <http://www.govtech.net/news/news.php?id=99076>
38. *April 06, Tech Web* — **Mac users may meet Windows threats.** Users installing Windows XP on Intel-based Macs face some special security issues, a security expert said Thursday. By applying Apple Computer's just-released Boot Camp, Mac owners can now create a dual-boot system that runs either Mac OS X or Windows XP. It's the latter that worries Ken Dunham, the director of the rapid response team at security intelligence firm iDefense. "When a Mac is booted into Windows, it can be attacked by the same [exploits] that threaten any Windows PC," said Dunham. "If you're running an unpatched version of Windows XP on any box, it'll be hacked pretty quickly." But it's not the vulnerability of Windows that concerns Dunham; it's the fact that the Mac will have multiple operating systems on its hard drive. Typically, argued Dunham, people are less diligent about updating their secondary system.
Source: <http://www.techweb.com/wire/security/184429499;jsessionid=TXCXZFKVJIOF0QSNDBOCKH0CJUMKJVN>
39. *April 06, ZDNet* — **Microsoft to slap patch on risky IE hole.** As part of its monthly patching cycle, Microsoft plans to release five security bulletins (at least one of which is classified "critical") with fixes for flaws in Windows and Office on Tuesday, April 11. One of Tuesday's bulletins will be for its Internet Explorer (IE) Web browser. It will include a comprehensive

update with multiple fixes, including one for the publicly known "CreateTextRange" vulnerability. In addition, Microsoft will be releasing an updated version of the Windows Malicious Software Removal Tool and a patch to change the way IE handles Web programs called ActiveX controls.

Source: http://news.zdnet.com/2100-1009_22-6058548.html

40. *April 06, IDG News Service* — **Microsoft introduces information about its Linux and open-source interoperability efforts via new Website.** Microsoft Corporation at LinuxWorld Thursday, April 6, unveiled a new Website that provides users with information about its Linux and open-source interoperability efforts, according to the executive in charge of those plans. Bill Hilf, general manager of Microsoft's platform strategy group, discussed the site during his keynote at the conference in Boston. The site went live Thursday. The aim of the new Website is to showcase Microsoft's efforts to ensure that its proprietary systems interoperate with open-source software, including Linux. The company also is encouraging advice about how to advance these goals, Hilf said.

Microsoft's new Website: <http://port25.technet.com/>

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/softwaretopics/software/story/0,10801,110250,00.html>

41. *April 06, IDG News Service* — **MSN search engine suffers hours-long outage.** Microsoft Corporation's MSN search engine, the third most popular in the U.S., suffered an hours-long outage on Thursday, April 6, as queries returned an error message instead of Webpage results. The outage began around 8:30 a.m. PDT and ended around noon, according to a spokesperson for Microsoft. The company is still trying to determine what caused the problem.

Source: <http://www.computerworld.com/developmenttopics/websitemgmt/story/0,10801,110305,00.html>

Internet Alert Dashboard

DHS/US-CERT Watch Synopsis

Over the preceding 24 hours, there has been no cyber activity which constitutes an unusual and significant threat to Homeland Security, National Security, the Internet, or the Nation's critical infrastructures.

US-CERT Operations Center Synopsis: US-CERT is aware of an active exploitation of a cross site scripting vulnerability in the eBay website. Successful exploitation may either allow an attacker to obtain sensitive data from stored cookies or redirect auction viewers to phishing sites where further disclosure of login credentials or personal information can occur. For more information about the reported vulnerability can be found in the following:

CA-2000-02 CERT Advisory: Malicious HTML Tags Embedded in Client Web Requests <http://www.cert.org/advisories/CA-2000-02.html>

VU#808921 US-CERT Vulnerability Note: eBay contains a cross site scripting

vulnerability <http://www.kb.cert.org/vuls/id/808921>

US–CERT recommends the following:

Disable Scripting as specified in the Securing Your Web Browser document at URL: http://www.us-cert.gov/reading_room/securing_browser/#how_to_secure

The Malicious Web Scripts FAQ information at URL: http://www.cert.org/tech_tips/malicious_code_FAQ.html#steps

Validate web site addresses as described in the eBay Spoof Email Tutorial information at URL: <http://www.microsoft.com/technet/security/advisory/917077.mspx>

ST04–014 US–CERT Cyber Security Tip document at URL: <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST04–014.html>

ST05–010 Validate web site certificates as described in US–CERT Cyber Security Tip document at URL: <http://www.us-cert.gov/cas/tips/ST05–010.html>

Phishing Scams

US–CERT continues to receive reports of phishing scams that target online users and Federal government web sites. Specifically, sites that provide online benefits are being targeted. US–CERT encourages users to report phishing incidents based on the following guidelines:

Federal Agencies should report phishing incidents to US–CERT.
http://www.us-cert.gov/nav/report_phishing.html

Non–federal agencies and other users should report phishing incidents to Federal Trade Commissions OnGuard Online. <http://onguardonline.gov/phishing.html>

Current Port Attacks

Top 10 Target Ports	1026 (win-rpc), 38566 (---), 6881 (bittorrent), 445 (microsoft-ds), 32459 (---), 25 (smtp), 4142 (oidocsvc), 6588 (AnalogX), 6346 (gnutella-svc), 41170 (---) Source: http://isc.incidents.org/top10.html ; Internet Storm Center
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To report cyber infrastructure incidents or to request information, please contact US–CERT at soc@us-cert.gov or visit their Website: www.us-cert.gov.

Information on IT information sharing and analysis can be found at the IT ISAC (Information Sharing and Analysis Center) Website: <https://www.it-isac.org/>.

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